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**GUILTY PLEA ENTERED IN
AUSTIN AREA HEROIN DISTRIBUTION INVESTIGATION**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 21-year-old Richard Federmann pled guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute heroin. As a result, Federmann faces between 20 years and life in federal prison.

Appearing before United States Magistrate Judge Robert Pitman this morning, Federmann admitted to purchasing heroin on April 10, 2004, then giving it Tracey Leigh Crossett. Crossett, age 17, died the next morning as a result of using the heroin provided by Federmann.

This case is being investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Austin Police Department and the Lakeway Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Sharon Pierce is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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